Before Another Session.

IN THE WORLD OF FASHION

IN THE WAY OF SPORT, BICTOLING IS NOW THE RAGE.

Lenders of Society Who Frequent the Hall of the Michaux Club Both Men and Women Conservative in Continue-The Brearley School's Napoleon Tea.

With each recurring autumn, when people who devote their time to the expensive pleasures of social life come back to town from their country homes, a new impulse has invariably pervaded society. We have had roller-skating, bowling, and badminton, and a well known bachelor has in process of introduction an absolutely new sport, which will be ready for use next spring. The latest is the fever for bicycle riding. The infatuation for wheeling has been of slow growth, beginning with a sly individual use of the bicycle, and last week there was evolved one of the largest "mixed clubs" in this

E The germ of the club was planted last summer by C. Wyndham Quin at the request of Mr. George B. de Forest, Mrs. Clement C. Moore, Mrs. Addison Cammack, Mrs. Gianni Bettini, Mrs. Charles G. Francklyn, Miss McAllister, and several other ladies, who had grown enthusiastic over the sport. On Nov. 14 a prospectus was sent about through society by Mr. Quin. Responses came back thick and fast, and the membershp rapidly filled up into the hundreds. Mr. Quin had had previous experience in organ-ising exclusive clubs. He formed the Riverside Club at Maidenhead, England, which is visited by the titled aristocracy of England, and he also planned the Peconic Club at Southampton last summer. Mr. Quin is a relative of Lord Dunpaven. The organization has been named the Michaux Bicycle Club. Mr. Quin acts as President and St. John Robinson is the Secretary.



"The club offers more privileges for the price than any other association I know of," said Mr. The members have exclusive use of the hall on Monday afternoons, Tuesday morn-ings, Thursday afternoons, and Friday mornings, but at any time they have access to the floor, and they keep their wheels here. On our exclusive afternoons we have music and refreshments Instructors are here always to assist beginners. and the cost of it all is only \$25 a season.

The hall used by the Michaux Bicycle Club is the armory, formerly used for the exhibit of Doré pictures, running through from Broadway to Seventh avenue, at Fifty-second street cony, opening from which are rooms for lock-ers, a bath room for the gentlemen, and a large sitting room cosily fitted. A maid is present to do the bidding of the ladies, and a "buttons" serves the same purpose for the men. Among the ladies in the club, Mrs. George B. de Forest, Mrs. Clement C. Moore, Miss McAllister, daugh-ter of Ward McAllister, and Mrs. Gianni Bettini may be pointed out as the most experienced riders. Mrs. de Forest, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Bettini, Mrs. Francklyn, and Miss McAllister have already won the reputation of getting over the

already won the reputation of getting over the ground from the club hall to Claremont and back in remarkably quick time. Little Miss Grace Horton, daughter of Henry L. Horton, the banker, has been termed a "filer." Mrs. Stanford White, Miss Elizabeth Broadhurst, Mrs. Elisha Dyer, and Miss Massie Strong are exceptionably graceful in mounting.

The club hall on one of the exclusive afternoons last week depicted an interesting scene. Mrs. Clement C. Moore, Mrs. de Forest. Mrs. William Jay, Mrs. Frederick Edey, Miss Strong, Miss Remsen, Mrs. Deyer, Miss McAllister, and Mrs. Stanford White were spinning around the hall with the grace which comes of conscious safety. I. Townsend Burden, clad in frock coat and high hat, was laboriously making a circuitous and corkscrew route across the centre of the hall, with an attendant close behind. Henry Clews, with bare head and a determined air, was trying to learn the art of mounting, with the antusing awkwardness of a novice. Francis Riggs looked with envious eyes at the progress made by Mr. Burden. Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt was present, but did not ride. Mrs. Vanderbilt is, however, an accomplished rider, and goes out through the Park in the morning with Mrs. Jay.

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D. M. Cemmann, Dr. John Vanderpoel, Dr. Dr. D. M. Cemmann, Dr. John Vanderpoel, Dr. Hallemok Curtis, Dr. Fowler, Dr. Pifferd, and Dr. S. O. Vanderpool were on their wheels. Lawyers as well have caught the impulse of the hour, and after a few lessons John R. A bney, Randolph Robinson, Col. William Jay, Edward auterbach, C. P. Alexander, Frederick H. Fendleton, James R. Murray, E. N. Dickerson, J. V. L. Pruyn of Albany, and Julian B. Shope show they have developed into skilful riders of the bicycle. Amos R. Eno can mount his machine with one bound from the floor, and E. C. Benedict attempts what is known as the game of bicycle football. Few of the gentlemen have yet appeared in conventional bicycle costume. H. Archie Pell, Elsiha Dyer, and a few others suggest, in their Jackets, knickerbockers, and Scotch stockings, colored plates of Parisian wheelmen, while the majority of the gentlemen consider it no breach of dignity to appear in high hats and frock coatsor to tie their trousers about their shoe tops.

The least striking impressions received at the Michaux Bicycle Club are from the coatumes of the ladies. Street dresses, with slightly abbreviated skirts, are the adopted habits. At an early meeting of the club a matron entered. A slim female figure, clud in a brown lacket, brown bloomers, brown leggings, and brown hat, was peddling swiftly around the hall.

"Hoy, come here!" ordered the matron of one of the instructors. "Is that woman there a member of this club?"

"No. ma'm, she ain't. She's here by mistake." answered the instructor.

"Well, then, you had better tell her to come some other time. Shocking!" exclaimed the matron.

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No member of the Michaux Bicycle Club has dared to appear in bloomers, although there are no rules regulating dress. Mrs. Moore, Mrs. De Forest, and Miss McAllister are lucked upon as being sensibly dressed. They wear shirt waista, black skirts reaching to the ankles, and long black leggings. One young lady created a mild sensation by wearing a conventional riding habit, and some one else won approval by wearing an accerdise-plaited skirt. The great majority of the female enthusiasta are, however, satisfied to make no more preparation than the douning of a pair of leggings.

A member of the club and of the failure of the fashion: "It will be lasting among the men, but I doubt if the ladies hang on to it long."

The young women graduates of the Brearley School gave a "Napoleon tea" at the school, 17 West Forty-fourth street. The assembly hall had the appearance of a salon of the first empire, and the young ladies in charge of the various booths were in the costumes was that of Miss Fisrence Sullivan in the character of Queen Louise of Prussia. She presided over the table for prints, books and photographs of Napoleon and his family. The tea table was draped in shades of violet, Napoleon's favorite color. Chevolate and tea were dispensed by Mrs. De Forest, Miss Olivia Slooum, Miss Isabel Marbury, and Miss Ewell. Casts and medallions of Napoleon's face were sold by Miss Addie Katte and Miss Spencer. Miss Maud Curties, Miss Lillian Stokes, Miss Heien Stokes, and Miss Mabel Choate sold violets. Fancy articles suggesting the empire were The young women graduates of the Brearley Heien Stokes, and Miss Mabei Choate sold violots. Fancy articles suggesting the empire were
overseen by Miss. Will's and the Misses State
and Edith Owen, and Miss Estelle Hawkins and
Miss Kittle Hayden conducted a good trade in
cups and saucers. In a room by herself and
dressed in character was found Mms. Recamier
personated by Miss Eleanor Small, who told
your fortune according to the code Napoleon. A
feature of the sale was an exhibit of Napoleon
pelics, which was only for admiration, and had
been lent by Charless Bonaparte of Baltimore.
Mr. Bonaparte was an intimate friend of the
late Samuel Breariey, the founder of the
school. The proceeds of the entertainment went
to amplort a west side industrial school which
the graduates are pledged to direct.

The programme of social incidents yesterday was heliated by the debuts of Miss Ethiel Davies and the Misses Ethel and Beatrice Barcisy, Miss Davies is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. It lian T. Davies of 17 West Ninth street, and the cloce of Mrs. Bradley Martin. The Misses

Barclay are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Sacrett Moore Barclay of 17 West Forty-sixth

The annual doll sale at Sherry's for the benefit of the Virginia, Memorial, and Jewell Day Nurseries was the medium for the exchange of cocial courtesies during the afternoon and evening. Dolls of all nationalities, colors, and manner of dress exerted a most insidious influence over the purses of the gentlemen. The success of the sale and the dance during the evening will assure a joyous Christmas for hundreds of poor children. Mrs. Richard Irvin, Mrs. A. M. Dodge, Mrs. William Jay, Mrs. Charles G. Francklyn, Mrs. Bryco Gray, Jr., Mrs. Robert Olyphant, and Mrs. Frederic Botts were the life of the benefit.

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Jan. 31 and Carnezie Music Hall have been selected as the time and place for the annual Charity ball in aid of the Nursery affd Child's Hospital. The ball will be opened by Gov. and Mrs. Levi P. Morton.

The marble home of Mrs. Paran Stevens was the scene of a small gathering of exceptional interest last evening, at which Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin made their first appearance since their return from Europe. Not more than fifty guests were precent, most of whom were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Stevens. A small party went across the avenue from the dinner table of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Wolliam R. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Mrs. Depow were among the guests of Mrs. Stevens.

Mrs. Gertrude Van Cortlandt Hamilton has in contemplation a novel entertainment, of which the New York Geneological Society is to be the beneficiary. It is the purpose of Mrs. Hamilton to give a pictorial history of New York city by means of a series of pantomimes, claborately straged and accompanied with appropriate music. Mrs. Hamilton is to be supported by the National Society of Colonial Dames, the Hugrenot Society, the Societies of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolutionary and Colonial wars, the members of the Society that the Societies of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolutionary and Colonial wars, the members of the Seventh Regiment. Mrs. Hamilton proposes to stage her historical pantomime in January.

Mayor-elect Strong. Recorder-elect Goff, Joseph H. Choate, Gen. Bristow, Gen. Horace Porter, and Cornelius N. Bliss dined with Col. Le Grand B. Cannon of 19 West Forty-seventh street on Wednesday evening.

CERTAINLY PLATT'S A REFORMER. A Republican Reformer, Though-"An-I'm Not a Hypocrite," Says He.

There was chagrin and some bitterness yester day among the old Arthur Round Table Republicans. The Union Leaguers, or rather those in the club who, for a dozen years, have been avow edly antagonistic to Thomas C. Platt, were also disturbed. They could detect no good reason why Col. Strong should publicly announce that he and Mr. Platt were even on speaking terms, and beyond this they were amazed to read that Col. Strong had openly declared his belief that Mr. Platt would aid him in bringing about all mu-

nicipal reforms for New York.

The anti-Platt men in the Union League Club and the Seventy have attempted to speak for Col. Strong on what he was to do and what he would not do concerning Mr. Platt, and they have been thrown down. That's all there is to the situation in the estimation of those com-

the situation in the estimation of those competent to speak. Governor-elect Morton has had much to do in bringing about an amicable understanding between Col. Strong and Mr. Platt. Mr. Platt said yesterday:

"It is well known that I am a Republican hair in my head. I, too, am a reformer, but I am a Republican reformer, and I believe that my party is competent to do all of the reforming. It is the party of great moral ideas, and has been since its organization."

Then Mr. Platt said incisively:
"But I am not a hypocrite."
This was intended for whom it may concern. Mr. Platt said that he had met Col. Strong once since election day. This was at the dinner of the Black Lake Fishing Club at the Waldorf. Edward Lauterbach presided at the dinner. Mr. Platt was on his right and Mr. Strong was on his left. Mr. Platt reached over and shook hands with Mr. Strong, and Mr. Lauterbach changed places, moving to the left, so that Mr. Platt and Mr. Strong sat together. Mr. Platt and Mr. Strong had a long talk, and Mr. Platt's friends who were at the dinner said yesterday that they observed uneasiness among the anti-Platt men in the company. They have been nervous ever since.

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Mr. Platt, speaking of his conversation at the
time with Mr. Strong, said yesterday:

"Mr. Strong told me that he intended to give
the various organizations that had helped to
elect him a share of the city offices. I told him
I fully approved of such an arrangement; that
it was fair and just. I also told him I was a
reformer and that I favored a new ballot reform
law, a power of removal bill, and all other necessary legislation. We had a pleasant and satisfactory chat. It is as I have told you since
election day; there are no differences between
Mr. Strong and myself."

Mr. Platt, however, is unalterably opposed to
a one-headed Police Commission. He believes
in a bi-partisan board, and will night for its
maintenance. On this question the anti-Plattites
are divided. The majority of the 70 believes in
a bi-partisan board, but the active and fighting
anti-Plattites believe in a one-headed Commission. Col. Strong refuses to declare himself on
this matter just at the moment. It is the proposed legislation on the Police Department of
New York city that is to be the bone of contention at Albany this winter.

IT WAS A BURGLARY.

And Strange to Say the Brooklyn Police Have Caught the Burgiare,

The announcement a few days ago that the big store of the Mutual Clothing Company in lower Fulton street, Brooklyn, had been raided by burglars and \$400 worth of clothing carried of the Fulton street station, which is only two doors from the store. Acting Captain Miles O'Reilly plainly hinted that no robbery had been committed, although the progress of the thieves from the street through the door leading to the cellar and thence through the air shaft to to the cellar and thence through the air shaft to the store was apparent.
The acting Captain, however, has not only been forced to admit that it was one of the "most brazen and puzzling burglaries" ever committed in the city, but jubilantly reported to Superintendent Campbell yesterday morning that he had the perpetrators under lock and key.
The prisoners are William Greene, William Hamilton, John Foley, and David Crown, who were all picked up in cheap lodging houses in this city. Stephen Gupple and Richard Englehard, who furnished the information which led to the capture, are also under arrest as witnesses. The stolen clothing was carried on the backs of the thieves to a lodging house at 185 Cherry street. Some of it was found there, and also pawn tickets for the remainder.

Postmaster-General Bissell in Town. Postmaster-General Bissell met Postmaster Dayton yesterday morning at Station O, at Thirteenth street and Fifth avenue, and they onferred in regard to providing better facilities for transacting the business of the station. Station O was recently opened at its present local tion. It is the best-equipped station in the city, tion. It is the best-equipped station in the city, but the rush of business so far exceeded the expectations of Postmaster Dayton and Superintendent Morgan of the city delivery that the force of clerks and the facilities are wholly inadequate. The Postmaster-General did not visit the Post Office yesterday.

Howard Neagle was appointed superintendent of the registry department by Postmaster-General Bissell yesterday to succeed Henry J. Lee, suspended. The appointment was made on the recommendation of Postmaster Dayton. Mr. Neagle entered the Post Office last July as superintendent of supplies. He was previously interested in the railroad business.

An Echo of the Oakes Case.

The connection of Assemblyman Stephen F. Kneeland with the Oakes divorce case, and particularly his relations with Miss May Dernagle. his Sunday school pupil, who acted as Mrs Oakes's companion, were not referred to officially at the annual meeting of the Dutch Reformed Church in Brooklyn on Friday night. Mr. Kneeland, although not a member of the church, is the teacher of a Bible class of which Miss Dernagle was a member. The Rev. Dr. James M. Farrar, the pastor, said:

"I don't know how Mr. Kneeland's connection with the Oakes case will be brought up in the church, or whether it will come up for consideration in any way. The meetink last might was a congregational one, and was not the proper place to discuss the matter. I think the Sunday School Association might take some action at its pert meeting. It would not be proper for me to make any comments on the case." Church in Brooklyn on Friday night. Mr.

A Truckman's Shull Fractured in a Fight James Connelly, 28 years old, of 60 West Nineteenth street, is under treatment in St. Vincent's Hospital for a fractured skull, which he received yesterday afternoon during an altercation with Myron Besser, 21 years old, of 803 Fifth street. The quarrel occurred in front of 300 Mercer street. Besser and Connelly are

truckmen.

A dispute arose between them over some trivial matter. From words they came to blows. Connelly was knocked down, and his head struck the pavement with anch force that he was rendered senseless. When efforts to revive him proved futile an ambulance was stummoned, and the surgeon decided that the man's skull was fractured.

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Besser was arrested by Policeman Patrick Sullivan of the Broadway aquad, who locked him up in the Mercer street station. Connelly's condition is asist to be critical.

DR. IDEN'S SPECULATIONS.

LOST 888 ON HIS \$100 INSTEAD OF MARING \$60.50.

Weisman & Co. Carried Mim Along Smooth ly for Five Months and Then Bropped Him Hard - The Boctor's Experience with the Thompson & Berr Company-Weinman Promises a Statement Soon.

Weinman & Co., the "Special Railroad Syndicate Series" operators of 41 Broadway, who have wiped out the accounts of hundreds of persons in the last few months in just such ways as those which have been disclosed in the suit of Walter S. Drake of Brockton, whose \$2,800 they got, and of Arza Hamlin of Alliance, O., as told in yesterday's SUR, sent to THE SUR office yesterday and asked that a reporter be sent to interview them. The reporter was sent and he saw at first Mr. Charles Weinman, and afterward Mr. Weinman and Mr. Charles

Landsburg together.

Mr. Weinman said THE SUN had printed articles which were very injurious to them and their business "If there is a single statement in these arti-

cles," the reporter replied, "that is untrue, THE SUN will be glad to give you an opportunity of making a correction." The reporter agreed to leave Mr. Weinman and Mr. Landsburg together for a while. At the end of half an hour he returned.

"We have been in communication with Me Hummel over the telephone," he was told, "and we are advised not to make any statement at present. The first of the week we shall prepare one under Mr. Hummel's masterful hand. are doing a proper business and at a proper time and place will prove it." Hundreds of claims are pouring in against

Weinman & Co. and their fellow operators, the Thompson & Derr Co. and Richardson & Co., as well as against the defunct Fisher Co. Nothing was too small, apparently, for them to grab at, and little that ever got into their hands seems to have got out. Two of the last persons who have come forward were deaf mutes. They had lost \$50 each through Wienman & Co. The last person who questions their statement is Lawyer James Lindsay Gordon of Granger & Gordon. Their office is in Aldrich Court, where

Gordon. Their office is in Aldrich Court, where Weinman & Co.'s office is. Mr. Gordon's interest in the matter arises from the fact that since Dec. I he has been trying to recover some money lost through them by Dr. B. F. Iden of Manasaa, Va. Dr. Iden nad been playing with several of the "blind pool" dealers. He began to deal with Weinman & Co. on April 17, when he sent them \$100. This is a copy of the receipt he got:

Office of WEINMAN & CO., No. Bankers and Brokers. Amount 965.

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New York. April 17, 1894.

This certifies that Dr. B. F. Iden has deposited with us one hundred dollars to be applied to our H. R. Stock Syndidate, as per contract signed by said Dr. B. F. Iden. Manassas, Va., subject to the terms and considerations apecified in the agreement and application.

WENDYMAN & CO.

WEINAN & CO.

Things went along pretty well, and a little after June 15 Dr. iden got a postal card, upon which was printed the following:

WEINAN & CO.,

Stock and Grain Brokers,
No. 41 Broadway.

Profits were not accruing as fast as might have been expected from the earlier prospectuses of the concern, but still they were pretty good. By Sept. 15 they had crawled up, on paper, to \$60.50, so that Dr. Iden had reason to believe that his \$100 had grown to be \$100.50 in less than six months. On Oct. 20, or thereabouts, he was undeceived. This statement of account was what did it:

Dr. B. F. IDEN.
In account with
WEINMAN & Co.,
Block and Grain Brok
Brock and Grain Way. NEW YORK, Oct. 20, 1894.

	DIO	No. 41 Broadway.			
Sept. 15.	Profits credited your account to date	800	60	\$60 100	50
	Capital impaired on part holdings of A. S. R. and D. C. F., pur- chased and sold from Sept. 15 to date, 40 per cent.	40	00		
	Balance holdings of A. S. R. Your pro- rata interest sold this day at 864, loss. Check herein for bal- ance of account.	45	00		

\$160 50 \$160 50 Instead of being ahead \$60.50 he found him-self out \$85. It was upon this account that Mr. Gordon went to see Weinman & Co. There was another account sent to him with this, which is also interesting. This one was with the Thomp-son & Ders Co.

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Dr. Iden began dealing with them apparently about July 1, for on July 2 they sent him an elegant piece of engraving, with a big gold seal in the lower left-hand corner, which purported to be a certificate for five shares of fully paiding stock in the company. The shares were \$20 aplece, and he got the five shares for \$100 cash. The certificate said they were fully paid and non-assessable. It was signed by W. H. Hetterlery, Secretary, and F. H. Thompson, President, and was numbered 370. The capital stock of the company is \$100,000. A letter dated July 10 thanked him for the money. On Oct. 1 Dr. Iden got another beautiful engraving, but without a seal. This was merely a receipt for \$40 more that he had sent. It was signed by W. H. Betterlery, cashier, and read: "This receipt will be accepted at all times as collateral for the full amount called for therein in any speculative transsctions."

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THORISON & DEER CO.,

STOCK AND GRAIN BROKEN,

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE 2.311 CHAPILANDT.

DEAR SRI: Unfortunately rouse, bet. 30, 1894.

In stocks of all kinds have been another source of backwardness in the way of making profits. In fact our losses have been quite heavy. We hope, however, for the best, and as your representatives we will do all in our power to recover your former good standing. A detailed statement of your account with us will be matled to you at the earliest possible moment.

On Nov. 26 the following statement of his account was sent, accompanied by a check drawn upon themselves for \$2.40. Evidently the Thompson & Derr Company does not bother with an outside bank account. The check has not been presented for payment yet:

18 Wall STEER, New York, Nov. 26, 1894.

In account with Thompson & Derr Co.

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SH WALL STREET, NEW YORK, Nov. 28, 1894.
In account with Thompson & Derr Co.

B. P. Iden.

Profits credited your socount to date:
To cash.
Carital impaired on holdlide of J. C. N. W., shd
S. E., &c.; balance prorata loss
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Dr. Iden thought he had got enough. He went to Lawyers Meredith and Thornton of Manassas, the firm of which Congressman Meredith is a member, and they put the matter in the hands of Granger Gordon. Mr. Gordon said yesterday that he had made a demand to see the books of Weinman & Co. upon Dr. Iden's account. On Dec. 14 he said he called at their offices and saw Mr. Hiumendale. Hiumendale referred him to the alleged copies of the accounts in the hands of Howe & Hummel.

"Then I understand," said Mr. Gordon, "that you refuse to allow me to inspect the books?"

"I do," said Blumendale.

Another concern that was doing a swindling business upon about the same lines as some of the bucker shops and blind pool operators has gone. This one was knewn as Ruthand & Co. cotton brokers. Their office was at the top of the bucker shops and blind pool operators has gone. This one was knewn as Ruthand & Co. cotton brokers. Their office was at the top of the bowning building, 108 Fulton street. They opened there on Nov. 3, and pretty soon had a considerable mail coming to them from Southern States. Some mail came to the police pretty soon about the same matter.

Ruthand & Co. advertised extensively in the South that fortunes could be made by speculating in May cotton, and that they would buy cotton for their customers for the small margin of \$30 for twenty bales and hold it if need be without further margins until May, 1895.

A man in Sumpter, S. C., sent \$30. He got a receipt for his money. He will never get anything eise. The police got after them, stopped their mail matter and were looking for evidence to enable them to make arrests, when Rutland & Co. faded away.

Electrical Consenses or the sense has been enable them to make arrests, when Rutland & Co. faded away.

The report of the Subway Commission in Brooklyn shows that the total length of all electrical conductors in that city is 15.840 miles, of which 9,380 miles are either underground or suspensed to the sievated structures.

TO GO TO THE COUNTRY IN MARCH. Canada's New Premier Payors Dissolution

OTTAWA, Dec. 15,-From most reliable sources to-day it was learned that it is the intention of the new Premier, Mr. Bowell, to sak the Governor-General to dissolve Parliament before holding another session, and to appeal to the electorate in March. Sir John Thompson, it is now learned, knowing the condition of his health and the disease with which he was afflicted, had intimated to Lord Aberdeen before leaving for England that Mr. Bowell would

be the man to send for to form a Government should anything happen to himself before his return. Sir John had decided to retire from active politics, and it had been arranged before his departure for England that Parlia-ment would be dissolved and a general election held in March, and that after seeing the Government through the campaign he would retira even should be be successful. But in the forma-tion of his Cabinet Mr. Sowell is having some difficulty. Minister of Militia Patterson and John Haggart, Minister of Railways, are both disappointed that they were not asked to under take the task of Cabinet making, but Lord Aberdeen was determined that the wish of Sir John Thompson in this respect should be carried

Mr. Bowell said to-night that he would not be able to announce the personnel of his Cabinet before Tuesday. There will be but few changes, Sir Charles Tupper, Minister of Marine, may before Tuesday. There will be but few changes. Sir Charles Tupper, Minister of Marine, may possibly take Sir John Thompson's place as Minister of Justice. The Hon John F. Wood, Comptroller of Inland Revenue, a man who stands at the head of the Canadian bar, is also mentioned for the same portfolio. Mr. Wood is one of the ablest and most popular members of the late administration. Unlike some of his colleagues he owes the position he holds to-day in the front ranks of Canadian politicians entirely to his ability, and not to an appeal to race and creed prejudices.

It is now estimated that fully \$25,000 will be raised by public subscription as a testimonial to Lady Thompson, and Parliament will probably add \$25,000 more. Senator Ogilvic to-day telegraphed the Premier \$2,400 toward the fund. Advices from the British Admiralty to-day state that the man-of-war Blenhelm, with the body of the late Premier, will sail for Canada on Wednesday, and will make the voyage to Halifax in six days, the funeral probably taking place on Saturday, the 29th.

The death of Sir John in no way alters the Government's fiscal policy, and it will go to the country on the old platform, with the Liberals making the issue one of revenue against protective tariff.

London, Dec. 15.—Lord Kautsford, Lord Playfair, and the Marquis of Lorne were among the callers at the Canadian Office this morning to offer their condolences on the death of Sir John Thompson. All of the late Premier's conferers in the Behring Sea arbitration have written letters of condolence, as also have Lord Sackville and United States Ambassador Bayard. Further funeral arrangements have been deferred until the arrival of the cruiser Blenheim.

ROUGHS ON AN EXPRESS TRAIN.

One Drew a Pistol When Fare Was Demanded and Afterward Leaped from the Car SYRACUSE, Dec. 15 .- Conductor Johnson of an express train on the New York Central Railroad had an exciting time last night while being whirled through the country at a high rate of speed. The train had been boarded at Utica by two rough-looking men. When the train neared Kirkville, ten miles east of Syracuse, Conductor Johnson asked the men for their tickets. One of the men quickly jumped to his feet and, looking Conductor Johnson straight in the eye, told him that neither had tickets nor would they get off the train until they reached Syracuse.

Conductor Johnson told the man that it was against the rules of the road to allow any one to ride without a ticket, and if they had no tickets and no money to purchase them he would signal to the engineer to stop the train. By that time both men appeared to be greatly angered. and before the conductor was aware of what was taking place the man who had jumped to his feet had pulled a revolver from his pocket and pointed it in the direction of the astonished conductor's head. Not until a brakeman, conductor's head. Not until a brakeman, backed by several passengers from the adjoining car, appeared upon the scene, did the man lower his revolver. As the weapon was lowered the conductor jumped upon the man, and with the aid of the brakeman and several passengers overpowered him and held him down in a seat. His companion did not take a hand in the fight, ao suddenly had it begun and ended, and the revolver which the man had used was soon taken from him.

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The train was then nearing Dewitt and the passengers had hardly settled back in their seats when the man who had drawn the revolver, jumped to his feet and started for the door of the car. He was quickly followed by Conductor Johnson, but it was too late. The man had reached the platform of the car and leaped out into the darkness while the train was moving at a rate of fifty miles an hour.

The train was not stopped, but was allowed to proceed to this city, where the other man was given in charge of a policeman. He said his name was Fred Allen, that his home was in Brooklyn, and that he was bound for Kochester, while his companion's name was Felton, and his home at Clyde. Felton was picked up at about 12:30 o'clock near East Syracuse and brought to this city. He will probably die, as his skull is fractured. his skull is fractured.

SANDOW'S VALET ARRESTED.

He Robbed the Strong Man in Memphie of 83,000 Worth of Jewelry.

Albert Chapman, an Englishman, who was employed as valet by Sandow, the strong man, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Carey and Bonnoil of Inspecter McLaughlin's staff as he was about to sail for England on one of the Anchor line steamers. He was locked up at Police Headquarters. The arrest was made on a telegram from W. C. Davis, Chief of Police of Memphis, Tenn., charging Chapman with the larceny of \$3.000 worth of diamonds and jewelry belonging to Sandow.

The telegram was received on Wednesday. Chapman left Memphis, where Sandow was playing an engagement, a week ago yesterday after robbing the strong man. He went to New Orleans, where he stole some clothing belonging to Manager Ziegfeld of Greenwald's Hotel. It was learned that he left New Orleans on one of the Cromwell line steamers on Thursday. The New Orleans police telegraphed to Inspector McLaughlin that Chapman had a through ticket for Liverpool. The detectives caught him just as he was boarding the steamer. He had clothing belonging to Sandow in his possession. Several diamond pins and rings, the property of Sandow, were also found on him. Chapman is 31 years old.

Sandow is now playing at the Olympic Theatre, St. Louis. He was notified by telegraph of his valet's arrest. a telegram from W. C. Davis, Chief of Police of

Jury Excused from Examining 25,000 Newspapers, The suit of Robert R. Remington and Edward

P. Remington against Parkes R. Whitcomb to recover \$1,580.62, a balance due for advertisements they placed for him in newspapers of the United States and Canada, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiffs with costs. The case attracted attention, partly because of the protracted attention, partly because of the pro-duction in court of 25,000 newspapers as evi-dence. Counsel for the defendant asserted that the jury must be required to examine all these, a task which would have been of weeks' dura-tion. But Judge Fitzsimons admitted the books of Reminington Brothers as evidence, and ruled that the newspapers need not be examined by the jury. The trial of the case began on Dec. 7, and at its conclusion the jurymen were excused from further service during this term of court.

The Charges Against the Brooklyn City

The State Board of Railroad Commissions as dismissed the charges of Stockholder H. M Thompson against the Brooklyn City Railroad Company, alleging that the financial reports had been doctored so as to deceive the stock-holders. The Board finds that the company's connection with the Long island Traction Com-pany is in the interests of the stockholders, and that its accounts are all correct.

Was Justice Watson Prejudiced! The examination of Constable Hollis W. Smith for alleged perjury has been removed from the jurisdiction of Justice Watson, Brooklyn's eccentric law dispenser, by Justice Bartlett, Jus-tice Watson, as alleged, showed his prejudice against the accused by openly calling him a robber, a bandit, and a thief. "It indicated some slight prejudice," said Justice Bartlett, "If the magistrate used this language."

Crime in Hidgewood.

Riponwood, N. J., Dec. 15.-The safe in the hop of Benjamin Eglin was cracked last night with dynamite and rifled of money and papers. The papers were of no value except to the owner. The Eric Railroad station was broken into on Monday night last and robbed of tickets and cash. Officer Camubell visited the office at 2:30 A.M., and found everything right at that hour. On Faturday the mail bag was stolen from the catcher, where it bung waiting the coming of the mail train. There were thus three crimes in one week.

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AMERICAN SPECIALTY CO., Fifth Ave. Hotel. SEELY TELLS HIS STORY. REITERATES THAT BAKER GOT NEARLY ALL THE \$354,000.

Even Exacted Promissory Notes from Seely When He Began to Let Scely Have a Little of the Cash Stolen from the Bank, Samuel C. Seely, the defaulting bookkeeper of the National Shoe and Leather Bank, who was brought on from Chicago and locked up in the Ludlow street jail on Friday night in default of \$25,000 ball, told the story of his part in the robbery late the same night to his attorney, Frank W. Angel, and yesterday Mr. Angel gave it out for publication. It is a story remarkable in some details, singularly deficient in others, but it undoubtedly embraces all that Seely will tell until he is put on the stand at his trial which will take place in a week or so.

First, last, and all the time in the tale, Seely declares that no one but himself and Frederick Baker was implicated in the robbery. He says that "upon the honor of his home and family." With that prelude he unbosoms himself, telling in detail the story of the robbery, his flight, and his capture.

Until the day that he first met Baker, about eight years ago, Seely declares, he was scrupulously honest. He knew Baker simply as a depositor in the bank. One day Baker came in and drew a check for about \$1,700. The paying teller asked Seely if the balance to Baker's account amounted to that much. Seely, without looking at his ledger, said that it did. That night, in looking over his books. Seely discovered that he had made a mistake, and that Baker had overdrawn. Seely, not wishing to expose his own careless-

ness to the bank officers, went to Baker early the next morning and informed him of the overdraft, thinking that Baker, as an honorable business man, would at once make the amount good. Baker said that he was engaged in a big real estate transaction at the moment and was a little short, but as soon as it was concluded he would pay in the money to the bank.

Seely inquired regarding Baker's business standing, and, learning that it was good, let the matter rest and carried along the overdraft to Baker's credit on his books. Several times within the week Seely went to see Baker again, and received the same promises. By that time it was too late for him to confess to the bank officers without incurring censure, and probably discharge. Baker apparently saw that he had the bookkeeper at a disadvantage. He told Seely, on a subsequent visit, that he was being pushed for money in the real estate deal, and that he must have more. Seely, under pressure, fearing exposure, "fixed" the books and allowed Baker to make further overdrafts.

Seely declares that he never received any of the money. Later on, when he was hard up, he borrowed money from Baker, for which the latter exacted promissory notes. After a while the note business was given up, and Baker let Seely have small sums, varying from \$25 to \$50. This continued for eight years, and in that time Seely swears he received not more than \$11,000 of the \$354,000 Baker drew out over the bank's

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The end came when Seely heard that the system of bookkeeping in the bank was to be changed, and that his frautilent alterations of the books would be found out. He made a last appeal to Baker, and got no satisfaction. That was on Friday, Nov. 16. From Baker's office he went back to the bank, and after office hours he sought his attorney, Mr. Angel, to whom he told the whole story. He left Mr. Angel in the street, and went back to the bank, where he worked on his books until 7 o'clock, trying to straighten them out as best he could. He then went to his home in Brooklyn, and remained there until it was time to catch the midnight train for Washington on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

He got to Washington early the next morning, and walked the streets until 10:30 o'clock, when he took a train for Harrisburg on the Northern Central Hailroad. At Harrisburg he was just in time to catch the Pennsylvania limited for Chicago, which had left New York that morning. He reached Chicago early on Sunday morning, and went to the Lansing House. He had nearly \$1,000 with him, and it was his intention to look for work and remain in Chicago, sending money home for the support of his wife and child. Within a few days he got lodgings at 406 La Salle street, for which he paid \$3.50 a week. He got his meals at restaurants, and looked about for a job, but was unsuccessful. He was nervous and depressed, and began to drink. On the morning of Nov. 24 he met Herman E. McFarland, the man who afterward made known his identity to the police. He and McFarland drank together, and Seely proposed that they should go to the Roby races. McFarland made known his identity to the police. He and McFarland drank together, and Seely proposed that they should go to the Roby races. McFarland made known his identity to the police. He and betwith the police was shown to the race track and won \$200 betting. McFar ved in Bloomfield, Ill., was very ill, and that

One day McFarland said that his wife, who lived in Bloomfield, ill., was very ill, and that he would like to go down to see her. Seely gave him the money for the trip. Before going, however, he insisted that McFarland, to get some of the rum out of him, should spend a few days at a Keeley institute, which McFarland did. McFarland was to get back from Bloomfield on a Sunday, and Seely was to meet him at the Chicago and Alton Railway station, after which they were to go to church together.

McFarland did not keep the appointment, and Seely afterward learned that he had used the money in getting drunk. For severaldays McFarland had made the rounds of the saloons where he was known, boasting that he had discovered "Seely, the New York defaulter," and that he was going to get the \$5,000 reward.

A few days after that two policemen went to Seely's room, where he was sitting despondent, and arrested him. They handcuffed him and took him to the police station, where he soon admitted that he was Seely. The details of the arrest have already been published in The Sun's Chicago despatches.

When Seely arrived here on Friday night he had only \$500 left. In the Ludlow street jail he eats at the Warden's table, which costs him \$15 a week. His keepers say he is cheerful and self-contained. He will be arraigned before Judge Lacombe in the United States Circuit Court on Monday. Mr. Angel declines to say what plea he will enter.

Midgley's Indictment Asked For

Counsel Kelley of the Long Island Railroad Company and Lawyer Richards of the firm of Thatcher, Janeway & Richards, representing Severyn B. Sharpe, New York receiver for the insolvent American Casualty Insurance and Se curity Company of 79 John street, called yestercurity Company of 79 John street, called yester-day upon Assistant District Attorney Vernon M. Davis and asked for an indictment for grand larceny against William E. Midgley, former President of the insolvent company. The Long Island Hailroad Company accuses Mr. Midgley, as told in yesterday's SCN, of ap-propriating a check for \$21,000 belonging to the corporation without the consent of the American Casualty Insurance and Security Company. The matter will probably be sub-mitted to the Grand Jury to-morrow.

He Stole for His Starving Mother, Grocer William Irvine of 771 Grand street, Williamsburgh, detected 14-year-old Henry Swan of 305 Maujer street stealing some ground coffee from in front of his store on Friday night and had him arrested. The boy said his mother and his 10-year-old sister Bora were very sick, as the result of their destitute condition, and that ha stole the coffee to take to them. He was locked up, and then irrocer livine called on Mrs. Swan, He found that the boy's story was true. Irvine provided the woman and her daughter with food, and when the boy was arraigned in the Ewen's treet Police Court yesterday Irvine asked Justice Watson to discharge him. Mrs. Shaw, looking paie and careworn, was in court to pleand for her boy's release. She said she had been in hard luck, and the boy had tried in vain to find work. After the boy was let go Irvine gave Mrs. Swan \$1. and his 10-year-old sister Dura were very sick, as

Justice to Mrs. Carrere. During the hearing in the District Attorney's

office investigation ten days ago there was some testimony about Mrs. Carrere, who had called at the District Attorney's office in the in terest of Mr. Carrere, who was in trouble. Mr. Louis S. Phillips, counsel of the German-American Reform Union, has written a letter to American Reform Union, has written a letter to Mrs. Carrere in response to one from that lady complaining of his reported allusions to her upon the hearing. In his reply Mr. Philips says: "I did not refer to you upon the hearing as the 'mysterious lady,' nor use any similar language, and I certainly did not mention you in any way which by any stretch of the imagination could be considered as a reflection upon you. No one can claim that I transcended my proper duties as counsel or reflected upon you any other woman in connection with the case."

The Most faction of the Anarchists have arranged for a Christman celebration of anarchy to take place in the Thalia Theatre next Sunday evening. John Most, Charles W. Mewbray, earth Edelstadt, and others will speak. A. JAECKEL, MANUFACTURER

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Send for Fashion Plate. JILTED ON HIS WEDDING DAY. Aged Cate Hongland's Unhappy Experie with a Young Bride.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Dec. 15 .- A few weeks ago Cato Hoagland, 70 years old, a well-to-do col-ored resident of Franklin Park, engaged Ellen Baker, 23 years old, to keep house for him. He paid her some money in advance, and she promised to assume charge of his household last Saturday. As she failed to keep her word, Hongland had her arrested for obtaining money on false pretences. When arraigned before Justice Wesscott the girl protested that she meant no harm, and begged for leniency. She made profuse apologies to Cato and manifested a great affection for him.

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On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Hoagiand told her husband she was going out for a short time to see her aunt and tell her what a nice husband she had and all the circumstances connected with her marriage. She did not return that night, and for several days Hoagiand waited in vain for his bride to return.

Finally he went in search of her, and found her yesterday. He asked the girl why she had not come back. She replied:

"It was marry or go to jall, so I married you. Did you think I was going to live with you?"

Hoagiand came to this city this morning and inserted an advertisement in the local papers that he would not be responsible for any debte she might contract. The woman is a cousin of the young negro who murdered Mrs. Moore Eaker and her baby and was himself killed by the murdered woman's husband. the difficulty, and finally announced that the

SWINDLED THREE BANKS

A Stranger Had Genuine Drafts at Fires St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 15.—Three local banks, the German-American, the Central Savings, and the State National, have been swindled by a stranger. At the State National he deposited a considerable sum of money last week under the name of A. S. Denton. At the German-Ameri-can he deposited in the name of E. C. Coulter, and at the Central Savings in the name of C. H.
Davis. He said he was in the commission business, and gave each of the banks numerous drafts for collection, all of which were honored.

In time he reduced his deposits. Yesterday the an enter reduced his deposits. Yesterday the man entered each of the banks with drafts for collection and asked for an advance on the paper. In each instance he got it. He is said to have secured \$8,000. The three banks have combined in a chase for the commission man, who is known to have left town on the train bound for Omaha at 1 o'clock yesterday.

Anarchist Hageman Dies of His Wounds YONKERS, Dec. 15 .- Ludwig Hageman, the Anarchist who shot Frederick Cassen and then fired two bullets into his own head, died to-day in St. Joseph's Hospital, this city. He and Cassen worked in the Otis elevator works and Hageman was discharged recently. He blamed Cassen and another workman for his dismissa Cassen and another workman for his dismissal and threatened to get even. Last Monday night, while Cassen was on his way home from work, he was met by Hageman, who had been watching for him. Hageman drew a pistol and fired several shots in rapid succession. One shot struck Cassen in the left arm, another in the left leg, and the third entered his left breast. Hageman then shot himself. Cassen is resting easily at the hospital and there is a chance for his recovery.

The City of Cleveland to Banish Crooks. CLEVELAND, Dec. 15 .- The escape of the murderer of W. H. Price in this city on Tuesday night has brought the authorities to the decision that the entire operation of the police force must be revolutionized. Every gambler, thief, crook, divekeeper, owner of any resort where thieves are known to congregate, has been warned and ordered to leave the city at once. This order was determined upon at the meeting of the Mayor and heads of police departments yesterday afternoon.

The Carrie Heckle and Crew Stren Up. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.-The owners and gents of the bark Carrie Heckle, which is six weeks overdue on a voyage from Philadelphia for San Juan, have given her up for lost with all hands, ten in number. It is thought that the vessel foundered in the hurricane of Oct. 11. The Carrie Heckle salled from here on Oct. 3. Four days later she was seen in latitude 37.15, longitude 70, but since that time no tidings of her have been received.

Oyster Bay's Church Jubilee, OYSTER BAY, L. I., Dec. 15 .- The First Pres byterian Church of this place will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its organization to-morrow. The services will consist of a sermon by the pastor, the kev. A. G. Russell, covering the history of the church. There will be a praise service in the evening. On Tuesday evening a jubile service will be held. Several former pastors of the church are expected to be present.

Mr. Pearsail to Get Extra Compensation. Justice Cullen of the Supreme Court has ecided that Thomas E. Pearsall is entitled extra compensation as attorney of records in the condemnation proceedings instituted by the Brooklyn authorities to obtain control of the franchise and plant of the Long Island Water Supply Company. The amount which Mr. Pearsall is to receive is to be settled later on.

